(a) whether the Government have taken any final decision on the centrally sponsored Saving-Cum-Relief Scheme for the marine fishermen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demolition of Temple

3957. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uma Maheshwari-Lakshmi Kanta Jain temple built by the Chola rulers at Ravandur village in Periyapattan Taluk of Mysore district has been razed to the ground;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those found guilty; and

(d) the details of steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka has reported that some stones of a dilapidated ancient temple in Ravandur village were removed for construction of Kalyana Mantapa.

(c) The local police has been asked to take action against persons responsible for illegal removal of the stones and also not to allow removal of stones from the temple.

(d) The Government of Karnataka has asked its Archaeology Department to examine taking over the above temple under the provisions of Protected Monument Act.

Research Centres in SC/ST Dominated Areas

3958. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are giving priority to open research centres or seeds farms in the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes dominated area for high yielding varieties in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such projects in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The programmes are designed to develop seeds of High Yielding Varieties and Hybrids and also to generate appropriate potential technologies for different Agro-Climatic conditions covering location specific requirements and wide coverage to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes dominated areas. These programmes are also for social and economic upliftment for weaker sections of the country in which Scientist and farmers' linkages complement in generating useful seed material and technologies to suit the User Class.

(c) The following 3 seed Projects for the State of West Bengal are given below :

(i) National Seed Project on Vegetable at Pedong.

(ii) Hybrid Seed (Rice) a Chinsura.

(iii) National Seed Project at Central Research Institute on Jute and Allied Fibre, Barrackpore.

Rail-link to Sikkim

3959. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sikkim Government has urged the Union Government for the extension of Railway lines up to Sikkim;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering the proposal keeping in view of the geographical situation of the State;

(c) if so the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey for restoration of the narrow gauge line to Sikkim from Silliguri to Sivok has been ordered recently.

Further consideration of the project would depend when the results of survey become available.

[Translation]

Cow Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 1992

3960. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details pertaining to the Uttar Pradesh Cow Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Bill 1992;

(b) since when the said bill is under consideration of the Union Government for approval; and

(c) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded to the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) The Uttar Pradesh Prevention of Cow Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 1992, was received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh on 1-6-1992 for the consideration and assent of the President of India. Comments of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) have been sent to the State Government for clarifications on 24-6-1996. The clarifications of the State Government have not been received.

[Fnglish]

Unauthorized Guest House

3961. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unauthorized Guest Houses operating in Delhi; and

(b) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) There were 369 unauthorized guest houses/hotels operating in the National Capital Territory of Delhi as on 24.7.1996. Of these 369 cases, prosecution proceedings have already been launched in 326 cases.

Insurgency

3962. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken serious note of the insurgents operating in the North East, taking shelter in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the new Government of Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the misuse of the territory of Bangladesh by some insurgent groups operating in the North-East. The Government of Bangladesh has been sensitized about our concerns on various occasions and at various levels. The matter was also discussed during the last visit of the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh to Delhi in August 1996. It is hoped that cooperation would be forthcoming to check such negative activities.

Ishaan Research Laboratories

3963. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Drug Control Department has lifted the ban on Ishaan Research Laboratories (IRL) for the manufacturing of the Biotique range of products;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Drug Control Department and Licensing Authority had earlier delicenced IRL from continuing its manufacturing of such products; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Manufacturing of Double Decked Coaches

3964. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the manufacturing of double-decked coaches have been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether improved designs of double decked coach are under development process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prototype of Double Decker coaches were put on trial a few years back on some trains. Complaints were received regarding dust and noise pollution, hence no regular production was taken up.

(c) and (d) To overcome the problems of noise and dust pollution, air-conditioned double decker coaches are under development. Designs developed with the existing air-conditioning package have the problem of inadequate head-room on the upper deck as well as lower carrying capacity and hence are not commercially attractive. Efforts are being made to develop alternate designs with enhanced capacity.

[English]

Recommendations on Child Abuses by HRC

3965. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :